(b) No detailed survey has yet been conducted for identification of wasterlands but according to one estimate, the total extent of wastelands in the country is 130 million hectares out of which 93.69 million hectares is non-forest lands which form part of the mandate of the reconstituted NWDB.

(c) Development of wastelands in the country is being carried out through the various Departments of State Governments autonomous State and Central bodies. Non Government Organisations and Voluntary Agencies.

**Enactment of a Legislation on Illegal Possession of Panchayat Land**

478. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a law to prevent illegal possession of Panchayat land;

(b) if so, whether the law is likely to be passed during the current session of Parliament; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT): (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Panchayat Elections in the Various States**

479. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether village Panchayat elections are due in several States of the country;

(b) if so, the names of these States;

(c) whether these elections would be held in accordance with the provisions of the Panchayat Raj Act recently passed by the Parliament;

(d) if so, whether the State Governments have been asked to frame the rules accordingly before holding elections; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) A statement showing the names of States where village Panchayat elections are already due or due in 1993, as per the information received from the State Governments is placed at statement (*See* below)

(c) The Constitution (Seventy-second Amendment) Bill, 1991 on Panchayats, which has been passed by Parliament is yet to become an Act as it has to be ratified by not less than one half of the State Legislatures, before being presented to the President of India for assent. The Bill provides that all Panchayats existing immediately before the commencement of the Act shall continue till the expiration of their duration, unless sooner dissolved by a resolution passed to that effect by the legislative Assembly of that State or in case of a State having a Legislative Council, by each house of the Legislature of that State. After the commencement of the Constitution Amendment Act, the State Governments would be required to modify their Panchayat Acts so as to conform to the provisions of the Central Act within one year from such commencement. Elections will be held in accordance with the provisions of the State Panchayat Acts only.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

**Statement**

*Names of States where Village Panchayat elections are already due or due in 1993*

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Arunachal Pradesh

3. Assam
4. Bihar
5. Goa
6. Gujarat
7. Jammu & Kashmir
8. Karnataka
9. Kerala
10. Madhya Pradesh
11. Ashtra (for some Panchayats)
12. Rajasthan
13. Tamil Nadu
14. Tripura
15. Uttar Pradesh
16. West Bengal

**Mandays provided through Rural Employment Programmes**

480. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total number of mandays of employment created throughout the country through Rural employment programmes to alleviate poverty during the last Financial Year and the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): An employment of 8081.06 lakh mandays was generated during the last financial year. In the current year, as per reports received from the States/UTs, 4064.55 lakh mandays have been generated till the end of December, 1992.

**ग्रामीण पाईप जल आपूर्ति योजना हेतु लम्बित प्रस्ताव**

481. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) ग्रामीण पाईप जल आपूर्ति योजना के संबंध में सरकार के पास कौन-कौन से प्रस्ताव मंजूरी के लिये लम्बित पड़े हैं,

(ख) उत्तर प्रदेश से प्राप्त कौन-कौन सी योजनायें अनुमोदनार्थ लम्बित पड़ी हैं; और

(ग) इन योजनाओं को कब तक मंजूरी दिये जाने की संभावना है?

**ग्रामीण विकास मंत्रालय (ग्रामीण विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उत्तमभाई एच० पटेल):** (क) से (ग) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पाइप द्वारा जल सप्लाई की लंबित योजनाओं के संबंध में सूचना संकलित की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

**उत्तर प्रदेश के स्वयंसेवी संस्थाओं को सहायता**

482. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में स्वंय सेवी संस्थाओं को लोक कार्यक्रम तथा ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी विकास परिषद के माध्यम से कोई सहायता दी गई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन संस्थाओं को कितनी-कितनी सहायता दी गई;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन स्वयंसेवी संस्थाओं के कार्यक्रण की समीक्षा नहीं की गई है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप लोक कार्यक्रम तथा ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी विकास परिषद अपने उद्देश्यों की प्राप्ति में सफल नहीं हो पायी है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा उक्त स्वयंसेवी संस्थाओं के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है?